

METHOD FOR AUTHORIZING LIMITED PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system are provided for distributing programming. A first set
5 of program segments is transmitted according to a schedule of programming. A second set of
program segments is stored on a server, with at least one of the first set of program segments
having a counterpart in the second set of program segments. User authorizations to program
segments on the server are maintained. Such user authorizations may include a record of the
number of times a user has previously been given program control over a particular program
10 segment from the server and a limit on the number of times the user is authorized to have
program control over the particular program segment from the server. A request from the
user for program control over the particular program segment is detected and a determination
is made whether to grant program control over that program segment in accordance with the
user authorizations.

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